THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No. Sir. All the proposals for sponsored serials received prior to 7-5-86, when registration for further serials was closed have already been examined and decision taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

All Assam students union plea

263. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All Assam Students Union had made a plea to Government to scrap the Illegal Immigrants Act, 1983;

(b) if so, what grounds have been adduced by AASU in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes Sir: All Assam Students' Union have requested for repealin theg Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983.

(b) All Assam Students' Union are of the view that the provisions of this Act have not been effective in facilitating detection and expulsion of Illegal Migrants.

(c) The proposal is being examined.

Message of special envoy of Pakistan

264. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special envoy of the Pakistani Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister visited New Delhi in January this year; and

(b) if so, what was the precise message brought by the envoy and what specific issues were discussed with them and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special Envoy Ambassador Abdul Sattar delivered a letter to Prime Minister from Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto expressing desire to normalise relations between the two countries. These sentiments were duly reciprocated.

During the visit of Ambassador Abdul Sattar and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, our concern at Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities directed against India in Jammu & Kashmir was suitably conveyed. It was reiterated that Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India, and any interference in our internal affairs would be unacceptable. The Simla Agreement, which is the bedrock of relations between the two countries expressly forbids the organisation, assistance or encouragement of any acts detrimental to the maintenance of peaceful and harmonious relations.

Bilateral relations between the two countries were reviewed and it was agreed that discussions would continue at all levels, including the Defence, Home and Water Resources Secretaries, to tackle pending problems. It was also agreed that the India-Pakistan Joint Commission may meet in the first half of 1990.

Committee to evaluate the performance and working of C-dot

265. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been set up to evaluate the performance and the working of C-DOT; if so, what are the terms of reference and the personnel of the Committee and whether the Committee has submitted its

report and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Committee would also examine the role of Telecom Commission and Indigenous manufacturing capabilities of Telecom equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) A Committee of experts has been set up for assessment and evaluation of the C-DOT. A copy of the Notification indicating the terms of reference and the personnel of the Committee is enclosed. The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(b) The Committee is expected to examine all the issues as per terms of reference.

Copy of Notification

SUBJECT:—Constitution of an expert Committee for the assessment and evaluation of the Centre for Development of Telematics.

No.— 1-1/90-TC. A high-level Expert Committee has been set up for assessment and evaluation of the Centre for Development of Telematics. The Committee shall consist of the following: .

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1.	Mr. K. P. P. Nambiar, former Secretary to Government of India in the Deptt. of Electronics and former Chairman of the Steering Committee of C-DOT.	Chairman
2.	Mr. V.M. Sundaram, former Member (Technology) of the Telecom Board.	Member.
3.	Mr. G.B. Meemamsi, Member (Tech.) Telecom Commission, and Executive Director C-DOT, New Delhi.	Member
4.	Mr. D.R. Mahajan, Director, C-DOT New Delhi. . . .	Member
5.	Mr. R.P. Shenoy, (Distinguished Scientist) Aeronautical Development Establishment/Bangalore.	Member
6.	Mr. Y. Muthuswamy, General Manager (Production), DOT/New Delhi.	Member
7.	Mr. T.H. Choudhary, former Managing Director, Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited/Secunderabad.	Member
8.	Mr. R.K. Singh, Director (Component) Department of Electronics Lok Nayak Bhavan/New Delhi.)	Member
9.	Mr. M.S. Jayasimha, Adviser, ITI/Bangalore.	Member
10.	Dr. Sira G. Rao, Director of Research ITI/Bangalore. . .	Member
11.	Dr. Chalapati Rao Kasarbada, Director Electronics Research and *Development Centre (D.O.E)/Trivandrum.*	Member
12.	Mr. R.K. Bhatia, Telecom District Manager, Meerut, formerly Deputy Director (Switching), Telecom Research Centre.	Member
13.	Mr. M.A. Ramaswamy, General Manager (Switching), DOT/New Delhi.	Member Secretary

2. The terms of Reference of this Committee will be as follows: .

(i) To ascertain *by when C-DOT will develop a MAX* as per the technical specifications laid down by DOT in January, 1985 in consultation with C-DOT.

(ii) To assess and evaluate steps taken by C-DOT for developing a MAX of traffic handling capacity and lines capacity as decided by the DOT.

(iii) To assess and evaluate steps taken by C-DOT for development of Digital Trunk Exchanges including Computerised Manual, Trunk Exchanges as decided by the Telecom Commission in 1989.

(iv) To assess and evaluate the role and performance of external agencies in India and abroad to whom C-DOT has entrusted certain crucial and strategic jobs like the development and improvement of software and software tools.

(v) To assess and evaluate the technological adequacy of the designs employed in the C-DOT prototypes in relation to the state of the art of the present technology.

(vi) To assess and evaluate the work on development of C-DOT's two by-products, i.e. *EPABX* and *RAX* and to suggest measures for improving the performance of companies making these product which are reportedly operating at very low capacities.

(vii) To assess and evaluate the purchase and import procedures of C-DOT and the actual purchases and imports undertaken consequently.

(viii) To assess the reported brain drain from C-DOT and to suggest measures including possible incentives for retaining the existing researchers.

(ix) To suggest a strategy for speeding up indigenous development of MAX and other public switching systems for Data, Facsimile and Video transmission.

(x) To suggest a plan for meeting the demand for such exchanges which will thereby fulfil the growing demands for telephone connections and telematic services from the public

(xi) To suggest a technology-based plan for redeploying several thousands of employees of Indian Telephone Industries at Rai Bareilly and Bangalore Units who are fast becoming redundant as result of the phasing out of the production of electro-mechanical exchanges and in the light of delays in the availability of C-DOT MAX for 3 commercial production.

3. The Committee may seek the help of any other personnel or agencies in the discharge of its assignment. The report of the Committee is to be submitted by the 28th February, 1990.

4. The non-official members of the Committee would be entitled to travelling allowances as per Ministry of Finance O. M. No. F. 6 (26) -E. IV /59 dated 5-9-1960, as amended from time to time and other facilities necessary for carrying out the assignment.

LPTs proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh

266. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places where LPTs are proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh in the year 1990-91;

(b) by when the new transmission tower in Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) whether Anantpur will also have studio facilities with independent programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Doordarshan's Annual Plan for the year 1990-91 includes, *inter alia*, establishment of 25 new low power and very low power TV transmitters in the country. Their location dependent upon *inter-se* priority, have not yet been finalised.

(b) The establishment of the high power (10KW) TV transmitter at Anantapur is scheduled to be completed during 1990-91. However, arrangements have been made to operate the transmitter at reduced power of 1KW by the end of the current financial year itself.

(c) No, Sir.